



To: Mr. Dirk Rohtus
KUL

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PERSONAL INVITATION

“IMPACTS AND RISKS FROM HIGH-END SCENARIOS: STRATEGIES FOR INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS”

**1st IMPRESSIONS Central Asia Workshop
Almaty, Kazakhstan
16-17 February 2015**

Dear Mr. Rohtus,

We would like to invite you personally to participate in a high-level workshop series on defining responses to high-end climate change in Central Asia. The first workshop will take place on 16-17 February in Almaty, Kazakhstan. This workshop will develop a set of high-end scenarios for the Central Asia region. In the subsequent two workshops (in 2016 and 2017), we will analyse the consequences of those scenarios for Central Asia, and economic, social and environmental interdependencies with Russia, China and ultimately Europe. The outcome of the workshop series will be used to refine climate change-related policies in the region and in Europe.

The workshop will be professionally facilitated and interactive, building on your insights. You will be joined by a number of stakeholders from the wider region as well as from Europe. Your travel and accommodation will be covered according to the applicable EU rules (see further below). Considering your background and expertise, we would greatly value your participation.

The Central Asia workshop series is part of IMPRESSIONS, a five year EU-funded Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) research project that will seek to quantify and explain the consequences of high-end climate change for both decision-makers and society. The research is being led by world-class research institutions and is strongly supported by the European Commission. Special attention is given to the development of qualitative story lines of possible futures and their integration with quantitative modelling of impacts and risks through a participatory scenario process. The scenarios and modelling will form the basis for strategic policy and action pathways to desired future outcomes.

SCENARIO DEVELOPMENT: CENTRAL ASIA

As part of the stakeholder group of the first workshop you will actively contribute to the development of high-end future scenarios for the Central Asia region, comprising the ex-Soviet states of Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan. The workshop will follow a structured process facilitating interaction among participants. By taking part in the workshop, you will get the chance to meet and network with other members of the stakeholder

panel, which include participants from various sectors such as energy, trade, agriculture, water, migration, security, etc. The workshops offer a unique opportunity to learn about extreme climate change and explore the implications for the region from a cross-sectoral and international perspective.

The outputs of the workshops will inform a series of policy processes within and outside the region, supporting decision-making on climate, energy and adaptation policy by taking account of first-hand stakeholder insights and experiences, and solid scientific analysis.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

This is a personal invitation. Upon acceptance, the project will cover your travel to the meeting venue (including visa costs), accommodation and meals in accordance with the applicable EU rules (for specifics see the information package). **Please do not make any payments or book any travel before receiving this acceptance of registration.**

In order to participate in the workshop, please send an email to stefan.haenen@prospex.com at your earliest convenience but **before November 5 2014**. Once your participation is confirmed, you will receive detailed information on the registration process and the travel arrangements.

ORGANISERS OF THE WORKSHOP

This workshop will be professionally facilitated by Prospex, the IMPRESSIONS project partner specialised in foresight and stakeholder engagement. The Central Asian case study is led by the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), an international, independent research institute.

The language of the workshop meeting will be English. Attached to this invitation you will find a briefing note on the background and aims of the IMPRESSIONS Central Asia Workshop, as well as an information package with the practical details regarding your participation. If you have any questions about the IMPRESSIONS project or need more information on the workshop, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Stefan Haenen (stefan.haenen@prospex.com). For more general information on the project, you can also visit the IMPRESSIONS website [here](#).

We look forward to seeing you in Almaty!

Sincerely yours,



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